



CLEARFIELD, PA.  
Wednesday, December 13, 1854.

**RAIL ROAD MEETING.**  
A meeting of the friends of the Tyrone and Clearfield Railroad, will be held at Tyrone, City, Blair County, on Thursday the 11th of January, 1855. The books will be open to receive subscriptions of stock to the railroad at 10 o'clock on the 11th.

**A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS.**  
Next week is Court, which will afford an opportunity to those of our subscribers who have not yet paid their subscriptions to do so. It is unnecessary for us to say anything about the high price of printing materials, and scarcity of money; and all our friends are aware that the cost is required for every thing we are compelled to purchase. We hope therefore that they will call next week, and render us what assistance is in their power. This is not a day—we have nothing to do for—but a simple request, which we hope will be complied with.

**DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE.**  
John M. Sullivan, Esq., of Butler county has been appointed Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth. Mr. Sullivan served for some time as Clerk of the Senate, during which he acquired a great deal of legislative experience, and won the respect and good will of all the members, without regard to party. It is undoubtedly the most popular appointment that could have been made.

**LITERARY NOTICES.**  
We have received from the publishers, Messrs. LINSLEY & BLACKSTONE, 25 South 6th St., Philadelphia, "The Young American's Library," consisting of twelve neatly bound and handsomely illustrated volumes, embracing the lives of Washington, Penn., Franklin, La Fayette, Clay, Webster, Marion, Jackson, Taylor, and Napoleon, with "The Yankee Tea Party," and the "Old Bell of '76." Each volume is well and classically written, containing numerous anecdotes of our early history, and is admirably adapted to the youthful mind. We would recommend them to every American family.

The "Young American, and Western Herald of Freedom," is on our table. It presents a neat appearance, and deserves success. Published by D. A. Brower, at New Brighton, Pa.

**GRAND PRIZE CONCERT.**  
The "Clearfield Brass Band" will give a concert in the Town Hall, on Christmas night, after which five hundred gifts will be distributed among the audience, consisting of Gold and silver watches, rings, clocks, boots, shawls, book cases, and a variety of other valuable articles, too numerous to mention. Tickets may be had of the Treasurer, Geo. W. Sackrider, or at the store of A. M. Hills, or C. D. Watson, for One dollar.

Knowing the object to which the proceeds are to be applied, we can confidently recommend this Concert to the public. We can also assure those at a distance, who desire to purchase tickets, that it may be done with perfect safety, and that the distribution of prizes will be honestly, fairly, and impartially conducted. The object is a good one, and we wish it success.

**CONGRESS.**  
The Senate was organized on the 4th by calling Hon. Lewis Cass to preside over that body for the day. Subsequently James D. Bright of Indiana, was elected President pro tempore in the room of Mr. Atchison, resigned. Up to the present time, they have done nothing but make preliminary arrangements, receive the message and reports, and give notice of bills.

The House met on the same day, 197 members answering to their names. The standing committees have been announced, and a number of bills introduced, none of which as yet have been acted upon. In both the Senate and House notice has been given of a bill to repeal or alter the naturalization laws. In the House, Mr. Sellers has introduced a resolution, which has given rise to considerable debate, calling for information as to the object of the conference of American Ministers at Ostend.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**  
On our fourth page will be found a synopsis of the President's message. To have published the entire document would have occupied more than half our paper, and would have excluded other more interesting matter. As a State paper, the message is proxy in style, meagre in its developments, hesitating in its opinions, and imbecile in its arguments. It plainly evinces the utter imbecility of the Administration, and so far from giving a fair index of the events of the past year, it attempts to cover and conceal them.

The greater part of the stupid document is occupied with details, which would find a more appropriate place in the report of the departments from which they are drawn, while it passes over, with but a slight notice, the important questions arising from the present complicated state of our foreign relations. About the only recommendation which it contains, (of any importance) is the anti American and unpatriotic one, of a still greater reduction of duties on imports. Some two or three columns are occupied with a defence of the Greytown affair, that brilliant achievement of the illustrious Hollins, in which two nigger shanties, a chicken-coop, and pig-sty, were utterly demolished, and a whole flock of terrified geese put flight.

A WORD TO BUSYBODIES.

There are a number of persons in this town and vicinity, who are constantly meddling in other people's business, and neglecting their own. Some of them have lately taken under their special care the concerns of our establishment, and are actively engaged on the corners, in the bar-rooms, and kitchens, and wherever else they get together, in discussing our affairs, calculating our expenses, estimating our receipts, and making themselves generally officious.

If these officious individuals will take the trouble of calling upon us, we will endeavor to furnish them with the correct data, on which to base their calculations, when they will learn that the ex-judiciary has something less to do with the Journal establishment than they imagine. Any claims which such gentlemen may have against the office, will be lifted and cashed on presentation at twenty five per cent over their par value. Now, ye busybodies, bring on your "judgments," and "advises," &c.

These officious gentlemen may further know, that, however anxiously they desire it, the Journal will not "go down," and that their exceedingly wise predictions will never be verified. That the paper will "still live" to "lay them out" cold and comfortably in the next Presidential canvass, as it did during the late campaign, and that all their efforts can affect no more than the building of a rain against a locomotive.

If these meddling gentry would attend more to their own business and less to other people's, perhaps some of them could pay their debts. The two who borrowed money from us to fill their flour barrels, and promised to return it "in a few days," will stand a good chance of having the favor repeated. We like their gratitude, and will hereafter, endeavor to reward it.

In conclusion, we beg leave to say that those who are so anxious about our private affairs, can have the privilege at any time of looking over the books of the office, as we desire to relieve them from an amount of business which requires them to neglect their own to such an extent that their wives are compelled to stand out in the snow, and cut fire wood, while they are taking so deep an interest in our affairs beside a bar-room stove! If it is necessary to speak plainer to correct this disgusting practice, we will do it, as we are determined to expose all meddlers and officious persons, until these corner and bar-room canvases on other people's business shall be broken up. Nobody but blaguards and whiskey suckers attend them, and no one who has any pretensions to decency would be caught in their company.

**"FAVING FOR PLACE."**  
We published, in our last paper, a communication under the above caption, reflecting somewhat upon the recent course of the Harrisburg Telegraph and its editor. We said at the time that we by no means endorsed the sentiments of the article, nor did we suppose it would have given offence, even to the editor of that orthodox paper himself. We have a very high regard, both for the Telegraph, and for Mr. Miller, and we would be sorry to say anything of a brother editor, and co-laborer in the same great cause, that we would not desire to have said of ourselves. We hope therefore, that he will not regard us as desiring or intending to impugn his motives, or to misrepresent his conduct. He did noble service in the late contest, and we have no doubt his motive in hoisting the name of Gov. Pollock for the Presidency, was the sincere and honest desire to promote the success of the great principles for which he, and all of us, so nobly battled. We give him credit with too much good sense to get displeased, and have no doubt after he had taken any notice of the matter, whatever. His letter, however, proves his title to a gentleman.

**COL. CURTIS.**  
The Milburn asserts that Col. Curtis has withdrawn from the contest for United States Senator, and has expressed himself in favor of Gov. Johnston. This is not true. Col. Curtis is still a candidate and will remain so. We cannot understand why the Milburn should seek to bamboozle its readers on this question. This is not the first time.

We are also authorized to say that the Milburn is not, as has been asserted, the "home organ" of Gov. Pollock. Its sentiments are those of the editor alone, and Judge Pollock has nothing whatever to do with it. The rumor that Gov. Johnston, though well worthy the distinguished position to be the Administration candidate, is utterly without foundation. The Governor elect has too much good sense to interfere in that which does not belong to him. It is a pity we can say as much for the editor of the Milburn.

**BROKEN BANKS.**  
We were asked a day or two ago, why we did not publish a list of the broken banks, that our readers might know what money to refuse? Heaven deliver us, and our readers from any such indication! We would sooner publish the President's Message. We would have to wind our paper up with "To be continued," for the next three weeks. If our readers desire to pursue the safe course, they must refuse all but Pennsylvania currency, and when that gets bad we will endeavor to notify them.

**A WISE STATESMAN.**  
A Washington correspondent says the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Guthrie, believes the acme of statesmanship to be the looking up of all the specie in the country in the vaults of the Sub-Treasury, and to this glorious end all his energies are directed. By taking out of circulation some 40,000,000 of gold—equal to a capital of at least 100,000,000—the prosperity of the country is to be demonstrated. And certainly the argument is unanswerable, for a country which can survive such a government as we now have, is strong enough to defy all dangers.

Pencil Notes.

**Court—next week.**  
Still good—the sleighing.  
A nuisance—that drum under our office.  
In town—the man that "cracks the whip."  
Scarcely—pencil notes, and printing paper.  
Sharp—the weather, and our new scissers.  
Hard—the times, and those "grey boy-tails."  
Dull—our town, as usual the week before Court.  
Empty—our coal box, paste cup, and pocket book.  
Exhausted—our apple box. Who'll fill it for Christmas?

**New arrival**—at the sign of "The Cheapest Goods." Call and see.  
**Take a holiday**—a woman's heart. It requires a holiday to get upon it.

**Lengthened shadows, long drawn out**—A pretty girl seven feet tall.  
**Ill-Gov. Bigler.** We learn that he is fast recovering.  
**Straw paper**—the President's message—over the left.  
**Expensive**—that spree, for the man who got his coat split up the back.

**Reliable receipt**—To make a man forgetful of his promises put him in office.  
**Head up**—the "Jefferson Star." It shines dim down upon the town of Harrisburg.  
**Scholarship**—various dinner we eat last Sunday. We'll call again.

**Living**—William Barry, in Buffalo County, N. Y., on the 1st, inst., for the murder of his wife.  
**Money**—David's sleigh and rigging. Wonder what Barnum would give for his dancing horse?  
**Perjury**—an article that slovenly "squirrels" make use of instead of soap and water.

**Fire in Baltimore**—on Saturday evening. Six four story buildings were entirely destroyed, with their contents.  
**Don't come**—the Philadelphia Star. What's wrong Col.? Can't do without the Star. Hope you haven't cut us?  
**More Know Nothings.**—They are organizing Negro Orders in New York. They ought to make good ones. They can "keep dark."

**Good opportunity**—next week for those of our subscribers who desire to save half a dollar, to pay their subscription.  
**Lucky**—printers in these bank-breaking times. They have no notes on the "busted" banks, nor on any other!

**Promises to be improving**—the military display at the inauguration of Gov. Pollock. Couldn't the Clearfield guards take a trip to Harrisburg?  
**The last cause for feigning**—A lady has discharged her lover because, in relating his voyage he "bugged the shore."

**In town**—the man that thinks he's a sharper because he's a Yankee, and wears a white hat—Cabbage and invisible green!  
**Gone to Brookville**—a number of the "fancy" from Curwensville. Wonder if buttons are plenty out there? "Oh yes," will be the answer.  
**Arrived**—Ellen Keenan, a young Irish girl, in Waterson Mass., forgetting on her Catholic church. It is said she had some difficulty with the Priest.

**No news**—There has been no news, during the past week of any importance from Seaboard—Things appear to remain in statu quo.  
**Police**—A lady in Columbia, presented her husband with three children at a birth. Columbia will soon be populated if they go on at that rate.  
**An old fool**—An old keeper in Stark Co., Ohio, recently took strychnine on his wedding day, because his children were opposed to his marriage.

**Interesting**—a number of the cases to be tried next week in the Quarter Sessions. We have no doubt they will produce considerable excitement.  
**Coming**—the Holidays. Those that want nice presents should be furnished with ten or more subscribers, when we will give them some beautiful volumes of books.

**Will make a good wife**—the young lady who does not apologise when you find her at work in the kitchen, but continues at her task until it is finished.  
**More victories.**—The Whig and Main Law ticket has succeeded in New Haven, Conn., the Whigs in Hartford, and also in St. Augustine, Florida, all municipal elections.

**Still irregular**—the gay item. What's wrong now, friend Gray? If you're "hard up" we'll send you a bundle of paper, rather than dispense with your visits to our chamber.  
**Delightful**—the sleighing on Saturday. We are indebted to our friends of "National" and "Good Intent" in Curwensville for the opportunity of trying it.

**Accepts.**—Henry A. Wise accepts the Loofcoo nomination for Governor of Virginia. He says he does not fear to be defeated. He'd be a "Know Nothing" not to expect it.  
**Horrible!**—A drunken mother was found lying on the sidewalk in Washington, on Tuesday night last, with an empty bottle on one side, and her infant child on the other!  
**Plenty**—horse drovers from Pennsylvania, for the past few days, (downy) to tell which was the "harder" case: themselves or their horses.

**Lost the entire of yesterday**—the man with the pumpkin head and legs—saw him in the morning, and he was gone. After gaining the position, Solomon (the president of the merry club) abdicated for home.  
**Don't quarrel**—our devil, whether or not to issue a New Year's Address. He's very much afraid it "won't pay." He intends, this week, consulting his friends, and hopes to be able to announce his determination in our next.

ITEMARIAN.

An editor, as he was going a courting, said he was "going to press."

Geo. Smiller was chosen President of the Bank of Middletown.

Our prayers and God's mercy are like two buckets in a well, while one ascends the other descends.

If the Bible was a weekly journal, how many communications would it receive signed, "A constant reader?"

To love even a bird or flower, is no small gain; to love a virtuous woman is the height of earthly happiness.

The New Berlin Volkstreuend goes for Botts for Vice President on the Pollock ticket, and the Star for Bell.

If you don't wish to get angry, never argue with a blockhead. Remember, that the duller the razor, the more you cut yourself and swear.

At the United States Ordnance Yard at South Boston, there is a gun, the bore of which is one foot; it weighs 25,510 pounds, and was made in 1846, at Alger's South Boston.

The Baltimore Sun put the President's Message in type in thirty five minutes, and issued it long before its reading had been finished in either House of Congress.

"Sam" was last seen in Norfolk, where the charter election resulted largely in favor of the Know Nothings. "Sam" moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform!

A few days since the editor of the Columbia (Texas) Democrat found a snake, four feet in length, coiled up among the exchanges on his table. Ugh!

An Irishman in recommending a dow said she would give milk year after year, without having calves. "Because," said he, "it runs in the brade, for she came of a cow that never had a calf!"

The Empress of France is said to be in an "interesting situation." The Queen of England ditto. The great event with the latter, it is thought, will take place about Christmas.

The man who is too poor to take a paper has bought a slab-sided dog, an old shot gun and a twenty shilling gold watch. He educates his children in the street, and boards his shanghai on his neighbors.

The people of Peru, Illinois, "seen Sam" on Monday last week. At the charter election held on that day, the Know Nothings carried the city by over four hundred majority.

To undertake to reason a girl out of love is as absurd as it would be to attempt to extinguish Vesuvius with a two ounce syringe. The only thing that will break a love-fit is hard work and boiled pork.

It is stated that Dr. Ives, late Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of North Carolina, has been appointed Professor in the Roman Catholic College, at Fordham, near New York city.

I will not strike thee, bad man, said a Quaker one day, but I will let this billet of wood fall on thee, and at that precise moment the "bad man" was floored by the weight of a walking stick that the Quaker had been known to carry.

The Harrisburg and Lancaster Railroad Co., are about to build three new bridges on its main line. One of these bridges is at Middletown, and the work is now being contracted for. The others are across the Big and Little "Chiques" creeks, near Mount Joy.

Hunting the tiger, gentlemen, observed a British official relating his East Indian experience to a friendly circle at a London club, "is capital sport—nothing better—except when the tiger takes it into his head to hunt you; then it is apt to become rather too exciting."

We thought that we had heard of a good many green people in our time, but there is a young lady in Schenectady, that beats our time, considerably. She got married the other night, and the next day appeared before a magistrate, to enter a complaint against her husband for "taking liberties with her." Our hint is at the disposal of the first person that calls.

The gay item says the President's message has duly come to hand, and we have made several attempts to "read it through," but invariably failed. We are therefore unable to give even an extract of its contents. The best joke we have had for some time in reference to the document, is that our friend Nememiah should term it "a spurious message perpetrated on the press by some wag at Washington." He don't believe that Pierce ever wrote it.

**Who Killed Cock Robin?**  
Who killed Cock Robin? I said the sparrow.  
With my bow and arrow, I killed Cock Robin!

The question is asked, who has disgraced the Democratic party?—and they, who have done the deed, are endeavoring to shift the responsibility from their shoulders, and to fasten it upon others. They are not willing to confess their sins, nor to mourn in sack-cloth and ashes; and yet they are casting about for some political scape-goat upon which to saddle their sins, and to send him "into the wilderness!" They know that they must soon retro to private life, and merited obscurity; and they feel assured that Frank Pierce must go with them; they stretch the bow and sped the arrow; but they were not the sparrow that killed Cock Robin! Oh, no! It was not they who did the dreadful deed. It was some wicked Know Nothing, or something else—they pretend not to know what, nor who it was, that did it; only it was not they who did it, and it was not Frank Pierce, neither, who did it.—Berks County Press.

COMMUNICATION.

**FRIEND SPOFFS.**—I like thy paper exceedingly, but I don't want to flatter thee; thou art young and might be spoiled, but I would encourage thee. I see thee has published my letter about the Telegraph, but thou dost not like to take the responsibility of appearing to approve my logic. Well, that is right. May be I judged too hard, but I am so sick at heart, of all men (if we can call them men) when their ambition arises to the Presidency, succumbing to the slave power. These Know no friends have always opposed slavery. So I would, if I could, check this hateful evil, but suppose nobody will mind me much, so thou must not judge me too hard, I love thee, and the Telegraph, and the Independent Press, but when the fire burns I must speak a little, but I want to do it in love. And now, does this judge judge the old broad brim, shad-bellied farmer wants to leave the bleatings of his lambs, and the cackling of chickens to be blackguarded as an office-seeker? not I indeed. But I must drop this.

I wish to say a word, through your columns, to my friend Barrett of the Independent Press, published at Williamsport. The profane call him the Rev. J. W. Barrett. Holy and Reverend is he who made us all, and preserves us, and none other is reverend. How I hate the Romish titles: Reverend, Right Reverend, Most Reverend, Lord Bishop, and so on, as applied to sinful man. Indeed, I am sorry that there is so little to be revered about some of them, and so little in them of reverence to the great Benefactor of man. I want to say to my friend Barrett, (I suppose I ought to say Brother Barrett, as I understand he is a Minister in the Methodist society, and they call one another brother and sister) well, I want to say to Brother Barrett, I have some what against his spirit, as an Editor. Let us talk to my friend directly, and I may be able to do it better. Well, friend, there has taken upon thee, to preach Jesus Christ, our most holy Saviour, and these says thee was called to this work; and thee is publishing a political paper. Well, I don't object to that, Jesus Christ taught us the best politics the world has ever known, and I think those who teach Christ's doctrine, ought to teach politics and must, if they preach the preaching that he bids them. I have no doubt but that Satan, and his party, who want to have every thing their own way, object to thee, a minister, having any thing to do with "the dirty waters of politics." If the waters of politics are "dirty," ought they not to be purified, and ought not the teachers of Christ's law to try and do it. And thou art working in a good cause too, I like the cause thee advocates. I am with thee, and now I hope thee will hear me. I am more afraid that thee will defile "the waters of politics" with thy fleshy spirit, than I am of thy meddling with the dirty waters. I want thee to remember thy calling, and to remember what Jesus says thee must be, when thee writes for thy paper. I fear thee does not do this. Thee manifests a bad spirit towards thy neighbor of the Gazette, and calls him hard names and speaks very contemptuously of him. This thee did not learn from thy Master. Will thee look at some of thy remarks, in thy editorials about "Theo. Wright & Co." Remember, friend, the wrath of man worketh not the praise of God. Paul says, "A bishop must be blameless, sober, of good behaviour, apt to teach, no striker, not patient, not a brawler." 1 Tim. 3: 2, 3, and again, "The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves, if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth." 2 Tim. 2: 24, 25. Again, "A bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God, not self-willed, nor soon angry—no striker." Tit. 1: 7. Of the Great Teacher, it was said, "He shall not strive, nor cry, neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets." Now friend, I have given thee the highest authority (these know no friends instructing thee in the Bible as the only source of instruction) that thee should have repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. 2 Tim. 2: 24, 25. Again, "A bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God, not self-willed, nor soon angry—no striker." Tit. 1: 7. Of the Great Teacher, it was said, "He shall not strive, nor cry, neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets." Now friend, I have given thee the highest authority (these know no friends instructing thee in the Bible as the only source of instruction) that thee should have repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. 2 Tim. 2: 24, 25. Again, "A bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God, not self-willed, nor soon angry—no striker." Tit. 1: 7. 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